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Dear Jerry,

There are several things with which you can help me if you can find time. Two require but a phone call. I'd like transcripts of the LBJ broadcast on VBS, both the one made and those to come, and of the current 50part series on J. Edgar Hoover, if they have any. I have no doubt they have them on LBJ. I hope they do on the Hoover broadcasts, on the 7 a.m. Joseph Benti news (TV-and locally repeated) show.

On the other, do not take the time unless I ask you. I am merely making a preliminary inquiry. I have asked others who have not yet responded. I am confident the beginning point can be learned from the NY Times index. There was a Klan cell in the Chicagom police department. It was publicly-exposed several years agi, I do not recall the exact date. I will want every-thing available on it. While I would presume that on this the Times had good coverage, it was not a local story. For that the Chicago papers would have to be searched. Can you find out if they are available in the NYlibrary? For I will want copies of the stories. The names of the men involved, their precincts and assignments, the official statements about it, all will be important to me. I have part of one of my unprinted book on a Chicago angle where this can be knowledge worth having.

There is little else new. We have been under snow since Xmas, some-times deep snow. The first fall was 12-15 inches, and it then blew heavily. There was an 8-day period when I couldn't get the car out. You may recall how long our lane is. Several days it was so cold I could start the car. Now I've got the lane dug out to where it will take another blizzard to block us in. It is bringinf the wild animals closer. Most of the birds now feed at the house, and I feed them on the cleared steps and walks twice daily. Others come into the car port. One quail broke its neck flying into the window. The pheasants are now coming to withing 50 feet of the house, all of which we enjoy. I missed the deer but see their tracks. This a.m. I'll be loading up on feed for them. I miss the more aimless enforced lack of physical activity, save for snow-digging, which I feel I should take easily, and I continue the "inside" work. I've com-pleted the appendix to COUP D'ETAT and the notes, and I have a little work on the final chapter. Then I'll return to the last part of the autopsy writing.

Best regards.

Sincerely,